Road Network in the country

2743. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: j Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether half of the road network, in the country is made up of unsurfaced roads;

(b) if so, the details of the efforts being made to increase the length of surfaced roads;

(c) the targets set for the Eight Five Year Plan and likely achievements in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken to improve road conditions in the country especially in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) The Central Government is primarily responsible for the development & maintenance of National Highways only and all other roads is within the purview of the respective State Government. As regards National Highways, almost the entire network is surface.

(d) The development/improvement of National Highways is a continuous process. Efforts are being made to maintain the National Highway network in traffic worthy conditions within the available resources.

Extradition of Dawood Ibrahim

2744. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the steps being considered to get extradition of Dawood Ibrahim to India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJARAL): Dawood Ibrahim has been absconding and is a proclaimed offender in the Mumbai Bomb Blast case amongst several other cases registered by various law enforcement agencies. Passports issued to him have been revoked under Section 10(3)(c) and (h) of the Passports Act, 1967. AH Passport Issuing utnontics and Indian Missions abroad have been informed to seize and forward the passports in case they are presented. Five properties of Dawood Ibrahim have been attached under the relevant legal provisions.

A request for extradition of Dawood Ibrahim along with all documents was sent by Government to the Governments of Pakistan and UAE in June, 1994. The Government of Pakistan sent a reply stating that Dawood Ibrahim was not in Pakistan. Government has regularly been pursuing the matter of the extradition of Dawood Ibrahim with the Government of UAE though diplomatic channels in a sustained manner. Two delegations of CBI officers have visited UAE in April, 1994 and July, 1995 for seeking assistance of UAE authorities and Letter Rogatory was handed over to the Dubai authorities. Government was informed , that a Dubai court was examining the Letter Rogatory. The Dubai authorities ' also informed Government of India in writing on 10.6.96 that he was not in Dubai.

A Red Comer * Notice against Dawood Ibrahim has been issued through Interpol. Close coordination is being maintained by Indian investigative agencies with Interpol for ensuring the return of Dawood Ibrahim to India.

मध्य प्रदेश में सिंचाई परियोजनाएं

2745. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव: क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) अक्तूबर, 1996 तक मध्य प्रदेश में अपूर्ण मध्यम और बृहत सिंचाई परियोजनाओं की संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) वर्ष 1994-95 और 1995-96 में राज्य मे कितनी मध्यम एवं बृहत् सिंचाई परियोजनाओं को किन-किन सिंचाई मण्डलों में पूर्ण कराया गया तथा उन परियोजनाओं की सिंचाई क्षमता कितनी-कितनी है; और

(ग) इन पूर्ण करायी गई परियोजनाओं में से किन-किन योजनाओं के लिए नाबार्ड सहित विभिन्न

राष्ट्रीय और अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय एजेन्सियों द्वारा कितनी-कितनी राशि की वित्तीय सहायता ऋण एवं अनुदान के रूप में दी गई?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र): (क) अक्तूबर, 1996 तक मध्य प्रदेश की 25 वृहद सिंचाई परियोजनाएं और 35 मध्यम सिंचाई परियोजनाएं क्रियान्वयनाधीन थीं।

(ख) वर्ष 1994-95 और 1995-96 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश की कोई भी वृहद अथवा मध्यम सिंचाई परियोजना पूरी नहीं हुई है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Terrorists arrested in Delhi

2746. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some top militants of the Kashmiri-based Muslim Mujahideen ter rorists outfit have been arrested in Delhi in recent past;

(b) whether these arrests have un earthed a conspiracy to blow up Tihar Central Jail;

(c) whether large amount of ammuni tion besides sizeable cash has been recovered from such arrests;

(d) whether Government have suitably rewarded the concerned security personnel's responsible for such arrests, and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The Delhi Police arrested four militants in November, 1996 who in course of investigation disclosed that they had planned to blow up the Central Jail, Tihar, New Delhi in. order to secure release of other militants lodged there. An amount of Rs. 2.00 lakhs in cash and two kilograms of :RDX were recovered from their possession. A case under sections 120-B/121/121-A/122/123/34 IPC and section 5 of the Explosive Substances Act has been registered against them.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. It is the normal practice to reward the deserving police personnel in such cases after the investigation is successfully concluded.

Posting of Telecom Officials in the Same Station For Long Period

2747. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased-to state :

(a) whether Government have issued instructions to not allow department officials in same post beyond four years and same station beyond five years in conformity with relevant rules; if so, when;

(b) whether certain officials in Assam Circle are continuing in same posts and same stations against said instructions/rules; if so, names of such officials with designations/stations and respective dates of postings;

(c) the reasons for not transferring them out; official-wise and

(d) whether Government propose any action in the matter; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA) : (a) Guidelines have been issued in the past prescribing a post tennure of 4 years and station tenure of six years except for officers involved in high technology. Latest instructions in this regard was issued on 28.10.96.

(b) There are 29 officers in Assam Circle who arc continuing in the same post/station beyond 4/5 years. The rotational transfers arc banned due to economy measures imitated by government and therefore there is no flouting of rules.

(c) there is overall shortage of officers in Assam Telecome Circle and transfers